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NEW CODE INDEX

The Code Commissioner sent an updated index for the Montana Code Annotated to the printer on September 3. The recent edition fully indexes 40 of the 50 MCA titles. Titles not completely indexed are "mini-indexed" with references to titles, chapters, parts, and major legal concepts. This edition will be mailed in October to all Code subscribers - price \$25. The Code Commissioner anticipates an index fully indexed for all titles sometime in 1982. A revised index will appear following the legislative session and following each session thereafter. Never again will there be a need for cumbersome "pocket part supplements."

ANNEXATION COMMITTEE

FINAL MEETING

Thursday, September 25, is the date for the final meeting of the Study Committee on Annexation. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 104 of the Capitol. At this time the Committee will give final approval to draft legislation and other recommendations tentatively adopted at the July 10 meeting. Copies of the draft legislation will be available the week of September 15.

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

At the final meeting of the Interim Committee on Corrections Policy and Facility Needs on August 21 and 22, the Committee voted to:

- (1) recommend LC 33 - to provide a plea agreement procedure - to the 47th Legislature;
- (2) refer LC 54 - to provide for mandatory sentencing - without recommendation to the 47th Legislature.

The Committee also made the following recommendations:

- (1) The Committee commends the Correctional Needs Report from the Department of Institutions to the 47th Legislature for their consideration.
- (2) The Committee recommends that a major commitment be made in this state to adult probation and parole as a method of having an impact on the correctional needs of the state.
- (3) There appears to be no immediate need for additional residential facilities at the Montana State Prison, and if the prison population increases more rapidly than contemplated, other alternatives should first be considered. Work rehabilitation and job training should be considered as worthwhile.
- (4) The Committee views with alarm the rising incarceration rate and the resulting cost to Montana citizens.

BRANCHING OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

BRANCH BANKING
COMMITTEE
FINISHES WORK

The Study Committee on Branching of Financial Institutions completed its work at a meeting on Tuesday, August 26. The Committee approved two bills for introduction in the 47th Legislature. One bill authorizes branch banks and additional detached teller facilities, under strict limitations, and the second authorizes credit unions to establish additional offices.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FINAL MEETING
SET FOR
SEPTEMBER 13

The Interim Committee on State Mandates and the Effects of State-Owned Property on Local Governments will have its final meeting Saturday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Capitol. The Committee will review the final report from Western Analysis on the economic benefits of state property in local jurisdictions. The Committee will discuss the options available for addressing the costs of servicing state property.

The Committee will discuss draft legislation concerning: firefighter and police officer insurance premiums; compensatory time for local government employees; state assumption of the county medical program; and funding options for traffic education and crime victims

compensation. The Committee will also take final action on a statewide public defender system and state assumption of juvenile probation officers' salaries.

ENERGY FORECASTING

FINAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17

The Study Committee on Energy Forecasting will hold its final meeting on Wednesday, September 17, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol. At this meeting, the Committee will consider draft legislation providing for monitoring of energy supplies and demand by the Energy Division of DNRC. Copies of the draft legislation are available upon request.

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20

The next meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Public Retirement Systems will be on Saturday, September 20, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 139 of the State Capitol.

During this working session, the Committee will review a pension cost-of-living adjustment based on a percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index applied to a portion of an active employee's salary. Discussion topics include possible variations in the adjustment formula, costs for implementing the increase, and sources for funding the adjustment.

REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20

The Revenue Oversight Committee will hold its next meeting in Helena on Saturday, September 20, in Room 104 of the State Capitol. The Committee is continuing its studies of greenbelt legislation, revised tax appeals procedures, and various other issues related to taxation.

CAPITAL GAINS
INDEXING

The Committee will begin examination of the Capital Gains Indexing study mandated in HJR 66 at the September 20 meeting. Representative Nordtvedt, chief sponsor of HJR 66, will make a brief presentation and then introduce Dr. M. Bruce Johnson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Economics Department, who will present the Committee with an outline of the major issues involved in Capital Gains Indexing.

COAL TAX OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING
OCTOBER 4

The Coal Tax Oversight Subcommittee will hold its next meeting in Helena on Saturday, October 4, in Room 104 of the State Capitol. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

AIR QUALITY
RULES DISCUSSED

The Administrative Code Committee met on August 26, 1980. The Committee discussed the new ambient air quality standards adopted by the Board of Health and Environmental Sciences and discussed possible Committee response to the adoption of the standards in light of the Board's failure to conduct an economic impact analysis of the standards that was previously requested by the Committee. Also discussed was the investigation by the Environmental Quality Council of the economic data supporting the new standards and the failure of the Board to conduct the requested economic analysis.

GOVERNMENT
FORMS REVIEWED

The Committee devoted part of its meeting to receiving testimony from certain agencies on forms reviewed by Committee members as part of the government paperwork study.

MONTANA SALARY COMMISSION

DATSOPOULOS
SELECTED
CHAIRMAN
AUGUST 21

Milton Datsopoulos of Missoula was elected chairman of the Montana Salary Commission at the group's first meeting of this interim on August 21. He succeeds Robert F. Dye of Bozeman, who relinquished the chairmanship but will continue to serve on the Commission. A second meeting of the Salary Commission is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 12, in Room 432 of the Capitol. Officials whose salaries are within the Commission's jurisdiction have been invited to appear.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING

The Legislative Audit Committee will meet September 22 and 23, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

REPORTS

The Committee will receive and review the financial/compliance audit reports on the Commissioner of Higher Education, Missoula Vocational Technical Center, Department of State Lands, and In Lieu of Taxes.

SUNSET

Public sunset hearings will be held on the Board of Optometrists, Board of Radiologic Technologists, and the Commission on Human Rights.


REPORTS
AVAILABLE

Copies of all reports are available from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, Room 135, State Capitol, telephone 449-3122.

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OCTOBER

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